

HONEY PRODUCTION

Honey production varies considerably from season to season. During the last 20 years the lowest recorded was 678,348 lbs. in 1929-30 and the highest for many years was 4,791,526 lbs. in 1932-33. The lowest in more recent years was 2,388,647 lbs. in 1939-40 followed by another record high of 5,324,611 lbs in 1940-41. In 1944-45 the production was 4,652,002 lbs., in 1945-46 it was 3,182,042, and in 1946-47 the all time record high of 8,672,753 lbs was produced. The mean for the previous ten seasons was only 3,675,000 lbs.

In 1946-47 there were reported to be 69,015 productive and 10,752 unproductive hives, which numbers were not abnormal. The record quantity of 105,788 lbs. of beeswax was produced also. There were 1,099 beekeepers.

The export year ending on 30th June does not fit the production year as some of the current year's production would be exported after 30th June. The quantities exported direct to overseas countries had varied from none or only a few pounds in many years to 1,680,311 lbs in 1941-42. The quantity exported overseas for the six months January to June 1947 was 2,978,992 lbs. Particulars of interstate exports are not available.

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